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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy (in German) of a European Search Report conducted in European Application No. EP 03 02 6090, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited the following documents:

(1) DE 100 48 889. This document is cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document which casts doubt on novelty when considered alone). Col. 2, paragraphs

13 to col. 5, paragraph 26 and Figures 1 and 2 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12 and 19-21 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document of special significance in connection with another publication of the same category and a document discussed in the European application). Col. 2, paragraphs 13 to col. 5, paragraph 26 and Figures 1 and 2 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 4-6, 13-18, 22 and 23 of the European Application. This document is also cited as an "A" category document (i.e., a document of technological background). Col. 2, paragraphs 13 to col. 5, paragraph 26 and Figures 1 and 2 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 2, 11 and 24 of the European Application;

(2) US 5,876,023. This document is cited as a "X" category document. Col. 2, line 19 to col. 3, line 50 and figures 1-4 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1, 7-12, 19 and 21 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a "Y" category document. Col. 2, line 19 to col. 3, line 50 and figures 1-4 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 4-6, 13-18, 22 and 23 of the European Application. This document is also cited as an "A" category document. Col. 2, line 19 to col. 3, line 50 and figures 1-4 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 2, 3, 20 and 24 of the European Application;

(3) DE 299 20 495. This document is cited as a “Y,D” category document (i.e., a document discussed in the European application). Col. 6, paragraph 4 to col. 11, last paragraph, claims 1 and 6, and figures 1-6 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 13, 14 and 22 of the European Application. Moreover, as a copy of this document was forwarded to the Examiner in a February 25, 2004 IDS, a copy of this document is not being submitted herein. However, for the Examiner’s convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(4) DE 200 15 848. This document is cited as a “Y,D” category document. Col. 11, last paragraph to col. 13, last paragraph and figures 1, 2, 4 and 8 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 4-6, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 23 of the European Application. Moreover, as a copy of this document was forwarded to the Examiner in a February 25, 2004 IDS, a copy of this document is not being submitted herein;

(5) EP 0 352 542. This document is cited as a “Y” category document. Col. 5, line 23 to col. 9, line 51 and figures 1-4 are indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claim 17 of the European Application.

(6) US 5,876,024 is listed in the annex as being a family member document of US 5,876,023;

(7) US 2002/0031400 is listed in the annex as being a family member document of DE 200 15 848; and

(8) US 4,974,888 is listed in the annex as being a family member document of EP 0 352 542.

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of the German Search Report (in German) dated November 13, 2003 and conducted in German Application No. 202 18 301.7 of which the instant application claims priority. In particular the German Examiner cited:

(9) DE 195 02 732. This document is cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document which casts doubt on novelty when considered alone). Fig. 2 and reference numbers 14 and 16 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application;

(10) DE 35 00 775. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Fig. 1 and reference numbers 22 and 23 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(11) DE 199 19 573. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Fig. 1 and reference numbers 1 and 2 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(12) DE 196 23 612. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 5 and reference number 14.14 are indicated by the German Examiner

as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application;

(13) DE 100 48 889 is listed in the German Search Report as an "X" category document. Figs. 1 and 2, and reference numbers 5 and 6 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(14) DE 299 20 499. This document is cited as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document which casts doubt on obviousness in combination with other documents). Fig. 1 is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application;

(15) DE 299 20 498. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. Fig. 1 is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(16) DE 299 20 495. This document is cited as a "D" category document. Moreover, as a copy of this document was forwarded to the Examiner in a February 25, 2004 IDS, a copy of this document is not being submitted herein. However, for the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(17) DE 200 15 848. This document is listed in the German Search Report as an "D" category document. Moreover, as a copy of this document was forwarded to the Examiner in a February 25, 2004 IDS, a copy of this document is not being

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(18) DE 696 05 212. This document is cited as an "X" category document. The figure and reference numbers 13 and 14 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English language abstract is attached;

(19) CH 210 639. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Figs. 1 and 5 and reference numbers 2 and 3 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application;

(20) GB 20 62 804. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Figs. 1-3 and reference numbers 2 and 3 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application;

(21) US 2,753,610. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Fig. 13 is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application; and

(22) EP 1 186 794. This document is cited as an "X" category document. Fig. 1 and reference numbers 3 and 4 are indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-24 of the German Application.

Applicant also cites the following documents:

(23) US 6,363,613 is a US patent family member of DE 199 19 573;

- (24) US 6,443,679 is a US patent family member of DE 299 20 499;
- (25) US 6,644,886 is a US patent family member of DE 200 15 848; and
- (26) US 6,409,446.

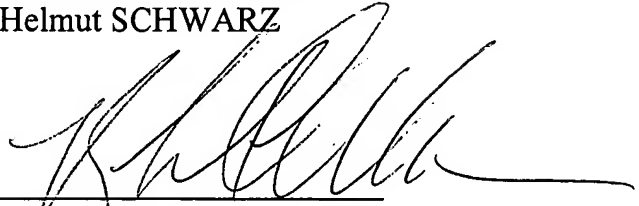
Copies of the above-listed documents (2), (6)-(8), (21) and (23)-(26) are not enclosed herein since these documents are US patents, and because the instant application was filed after June 30, 2003. Applicant notes that Rule 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) has been waived by the USPTO for US patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of the above-listed foreign documents, except documents (3), (4), (16) and (17) which were cited in an IDS filed on February 25, 2004, as well as the German and European Search Reports are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a US application and/or before receipt of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1) and (3).

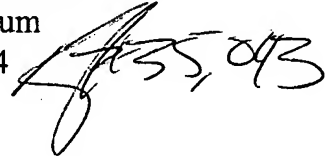
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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1	English Language Abstract of DE 10048889.
2	English Language Abstract of DE 29920495.
3	English Language Abstract of DE 3500775.
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5	English Language Abstract of DE 29920495.
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